

Practitioner's Docket No.: 3155/121 (previously 6750-13)

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In re application of: Liew, et al.

Application No.: 10/753,976
Filed: January 7, 2004

Group No.: 3737
Examiner: Ramirez, J.

For: **METHODS OF PREDICTING MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASE**

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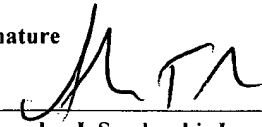
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- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application;*
- (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in section 1.491 in an international application; or*
- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last." 37 C.F.R. section 1.97(b).*

NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(a).

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- (1) each inventor named in the application;*
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and*
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c).*

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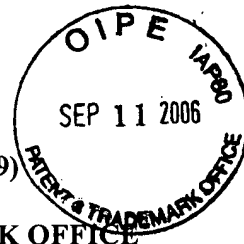
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2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
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6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
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10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this supplemental information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. section 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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Applicants: Liew, et al. Attorney Docket: 3155/121
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Serial No: 10/753,976 Art Group Unit: 3737

Date Filed: January 7, 2004 Examiner Name: Ramirez, J.

Invention: **METHODS OF PREDICTING MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASE**

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	AA	US 4,721,112	Jan. 26, 1988	Hirano, et al.	1287/659
	AB	US 5,270,651	Dec. 14, 1993	Wehrli	324/308
	AC	US 5,320,102	Jun. 14, 1994	Paul, et al.	128/653.2
	AD	US 5,673,298	Sep. 30, 1997	Mazess	378/54

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Country Code	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee or Applicant	Class/Subclass
	AE	WO	00/72216	Nov. 30, 2000	Torsana Osteoporosis Diagnostics A/S	G06F 19/00
	AF	WO	02/22014	Mar. 31, 2002	Leland Stanford Junior University	A61B 05/055

OTHER DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	AG	B. Cortet, et al.	"Bone Microarchitecture and Mechanical Resistance" <i>Joint Bone Spine</i> , Vol. 68, Pp. 297-305 (2001)

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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (1) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."

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☐ Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

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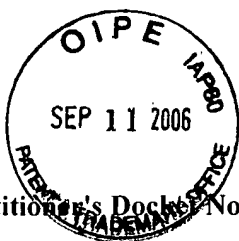
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- (1) a final action under § 1.113 or
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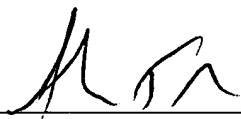
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